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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Special Executive Committee Minutes  
November 18, 2015**

The Executive Committee of the DeKalb County Board met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 6:45 p.m. in the Legislative Center's Liberty Room. Chairman Pietrowski called the meeting to order. Those present were Mr. Brown, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Gudmunson, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Turner arrived at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Stoddard was absent. Eight Members were present and one absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Marjorie Askins, Jim Luebke, Jeff Whelan, Maureen Little, Dianne Leifheit, Frank O'Barski, Tim Bagby, and Sandra Polanco.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Mr. Frieders and seconded by Mr. Emerson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ILLINOIS STATE BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Chairman Pietrowski noted that all Board Members have previously reviewed the proposed resolution and asked if there were any questions regarding the document. There were none.

**It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Frieders and it was moved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.**

**FOREST PRESERVE LAND ACQUISITION**

It was clarified that the Forest Preserve Committee unanimously approved this land acquisition in August and the resolution has just not come to the Forest Preserve District yet.

This resolution is for the purchase of a 1.57 acre parcel adjacent to the former Evergreen Village property for \$23,000.00.

There is value for the F.P. District on the Ward property:

1. The road on Ward property could be used as "base material" for trail connection to the old railroad right of way and Great Western Trail and save the FP District the cost (est. \$8,000) of excavation and base material.
2. Mr. Ward wanted a fence put up if we do not purchase his property. If the FP District pays for ½ the fence cost (est. \$2,000 installed)
3. The road on Ward property connects to the proposed parking lot area near Rt. 64, would be a good connection to the Rt. 64 sidewalk into Sycamore, and planned Great Western Trailhead. The green space is perfect for a picnic area near the planned parking area.

4. The FP District has additional 1.67 acres of public land at this site.
5. The District has an anonymous donor who is donated a large sum of money towards this project. The donor is in favor of the Ward purchase and plan.

**It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. Emerson and was approved unanimously to forward to the full Board of Commissioners recommending its approval.**

#### **APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD AGENDA**

Chairman Pietrowski called for a motion to approve the revised County Board Agenda as it has been posted since Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, contingent on approval of the engineering agreements through the County Highway Department who is meeting prior to the full County Board Meeting.

**It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson and it was carried unanimously to approve the County Board Agenda and to forward it to the full County Board for approval.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, seconded by Mr. Gudmunson, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**



Chairman Mark Pietrowski, Jr.

  
Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary